

COMMISSIONERS APPROVAL

CHILCOTT *gc*

LUND *BLE*

THOMPSON *AT*

TAYLOR (Clerk & Recorder)

Date.....April 11, 2006

Members Present.....Commissioner Greg
Chilcott, Commissioner Betty Lund and Commissioner Alan Thompson

Minutes:Sally Fortino

The Board of County Commissioners met for approval of minutes. Commissioner Thompson made a motion to approve the minutes from October 24, 2005 through November 4, 2005. Commissioner Lund seconded the motion and all voted 'aye'.

In other business, the Board of County Commissioners met for discussion and possible decision on the 20-year lease for Hangar C-4. Judith and Bill Stewart and Dave McLaren were present. Bill said the way lease terms are made should be changed. He has written to Montana Aeronautics, which allows leases up to 40 years. Leases now are predicated on the condition that a person has to borrow to obtain the lease, and banks like 20-year leases. Please consider whether most 20-year leases should be commercial or 't' hangar. 20-year leases are practical for commercial use. The County could take in more money.

Commissioner Chilcott said the argument is about statutory issues in the limit. Commissioner Lund said Montana statute states we can't lease over 10 years. Commissioner Thompson said the airport is an exception to that statute. Bill said he was told they could lease as long as 40 years. Commissioner Chilcott said the County had concerns being locked into a long-term lease without leeway for generating more revenue for the airport. Bill said he would like the Board of County Commissioners to consider longer leases.

Commissioner Lund said people shouldn't be penalized for cash. Make a policy that commercial leases are 20 years. Commissioner Chilcott said maybe it should read, 'UP TO 20 years'. He added he has no problem as long as we are compliant with federal or state statutes.

Commissioner Lund made a motion to approve up to 20 years for commercial hangar leases at the airport, in this case approve a 20-year commercial lease for hangar C-4. Commissioner Thompson seconded the motion, and all voted 'aye'.

In other business, Commissioner Chilcott attended a meeting on Bio-safety Committee Meeting at Rocky Mountain Labs.

The Board of County Commissioners met with Missoula County Commissioners in the afternoon.

The Weed Board met to hear Forest Service, Education, and Coordinators reports; they discussed the budget for 2007, roadwork contracts, management plans and subdivisions.